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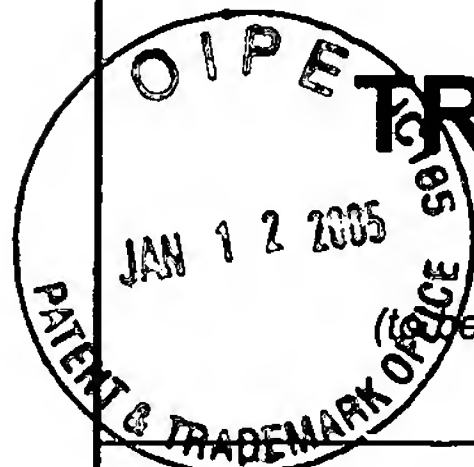
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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November 23, 2004, attached hereto, as Exhibit A, cites five prior references as shown in the information disclosure statement.

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